

## Confidentiality of information in application for motor-vehicle sales financing license

SB 1526 by Brimer (McCall)

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**DIGEST:** SB 1526 would have made the information in an application for a motor-vehicle sales financing license confidential and not open to public inspection unless it were subpoenaed in a judicial or administrative proceeding. It also would have prohibited the consumer credit commissioner from requiring fingerprints from a person who did not engage regularly in the business of motor-vehicle sales financing or from suspending, revoking, or denying a license for failure to provide the fingerprints of such a person.

**GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:** "Senate Bill No. 1526 would impede access to public records. The bill would limit access to information in an application for a license to operate a motor vehicle dealership from disclosure under the Public Information Act. The owner's name, business address and phone number should be available to the public. Personal addresses and phone numbers should be protected. These personal records could only be disclosed in a judicial or administrative proceeding in accordance with a lawful subpoena.

"Restricted access to these records would hinder the filing of legitimate consumer complaints against vehicle dealerships."

**RESPONSE:** Sen. Kim Brimer, author of SB 1526, said: "This is important legislation and I plan to refile a similar bill in the upcoming special session."

Rep. Brian McCall, the House sponsor, said: "In working with Sen. Brimer, industry representatives, consumer groups, and the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, I felt that SB 1526 corrected unintended disclosures of information created by SB 317, the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner sunset bill, which I sponsored and passed during the 77th legislative session."

**NOTES:** SB 1526 passed the House on the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar and was not analyzed in a *Daily Floor Report*.